

October 20, 2025

His Excellency FERDINAND R. MARCOS JR.
President, Republic of the Philippines
Malacañang Palace, Manila

Thru: Executive Secretary Lucas Bersamin

Subject: Appeal to Withdraw the Appointment of Acting Secretary Giovanni Z. Lopez to the Department of Transportation (DOTr)

Your Excellency:

With deep respect and unwavering faith in your leadership, we the undersigned representatives of the more than one hundred (100) transport cooperatives and corporations in the country with more than ten thousand (10,000) members and who constitute 86% of the transport organization who have fully supported the **Public Transport Modernization Program (PTMP)**, write this **earnest and heartfelt appeal** for your kind reconsideration on the appointment of **Acting Secretary Giovanni Z. Lopez** as head of the Department of Transportation.

We make this appeal not out of personal grievance, but out of **genuine fear and sorrow** – fear that the very vision you have so passionately built for the modernization of public transport is now being **slowly dismantled** under the stewardship of a man who has failed to grasp its importance and lead with conviction.

I. The Marcos Modernization Program: A Vision Now in Peril

Your Excellency, the modernization program is more than a government initiative – it is your **legacy of reform and discipline**, a vision that sought to dignify both the driver and the commuter, to replace chaos with order, and to transform an aging transport system into one that reflects a modern and compassionate nation.

Thousands of operators and drivers answered your call. They took out loans, formed cooperatives, replaced their aging jeepneys, and proudly carried your name and promise of progress.

Yet, under **Acting Secretary Giovanni Z. Lopez**, this dream has turned into disillusionment. The very foundations of your modernization program are now being **undermined by inaction, indecision, and uncertainty**.

II. A Weak and Directionless Leadership

Since assuming office, Mr. Lopez has shown **no clear vision, no decisive plan, and no firm hand** to guide the transport sector forward. His tenure has been marked by confusion and complacency, while the enemies of modernization grow louder and bolder.

When anti-modernization groups staged rallies to challenge the government's transport policy, instead of **standing firm to defend your**

administration's program, Mr. Lopez wavered. He yielded to pressure, clipping the powers of the very task force – the **Special Action and Intelligence Committee for Transport (SAICT)** – created under your directive to combat colorum operations and restore order on the roads.

This act of capitulation was not merely administrative – it was a **moral surrender**. It emboldened those who defied modernization and demoralized those who believed in it.

III. Betrayal of the Modernization Stakeholders

Under Mr. Lopez's watch, **86% of the transport cooperatives and corporations who have complied with the modernization program** now feel abandoned.

They have gone deep into debt to purchase modern units. They have fulfilled every requirement of the Department. Yet, instead of receiving support, they have been left **directionless and desperate**, as unconsolidated and colorum units continue to ply the same routes – unchecked and unpunished.

The banks are losing confidence. The cooperatives are nearing bankruptcy. The modernization movement – once the pride of your administration – is now being **undermined from within**.

IV. The Moral and Economic Cost of Inaction

Every day that passes under this kind of leadership bleeds the transport sector of hope and stability.

Each hour lost in traffic congestion translates to **millions of pesos in wasted productivity**. Every jeepney operator who defaults on a bank loan because of the lack of policy support represents a **Filipino family pushed into debt and despair**.

Your modernization program was meant to **liberate these families from poverty**, but now it is being **held hostage by weak leadership** that neither inspires confidence nor commands respect.

VI. Our Appeal to You, Mr. President

The modernization program is **too precious to be left in the hands of the inept and indifferent**. It deserves a leader of strength, principle, and courage – someone who believes in your vision as deeply as you do.

We therefore humbly and respectfully pray that you: **Withdraw the appointment of a spineless leader like Acting Secretary Giovanni Z. Lopez** as head of the Department of Transportation; and

Your Excellency, we write this not in anger but in anguish – the anguish of those who believed, invested, and sacrificed, only to see their dreams slowly slipping away.

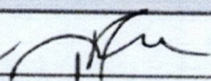
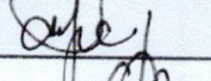

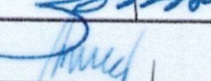
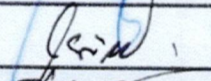


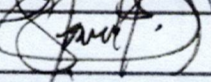
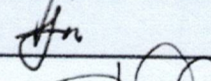
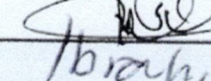
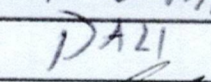




These appointments, if maintained, will only weaken the modernization program, undermine anti-corruption efforts, and erode the confidence of compliant transport cooperatives and corporations who have made great sacrifices in support of government policy.

We therefore appeal for the appointment of strong, independent, and reform-oriented leaders who will uphold the true spirit of modernization, transparency, and accountability for the benefit of the Filipino people and the continued success of Your Excellency's transport reform agenda.

With our highest respect and continued trust in your leadership.

Our Respectful Appeal,

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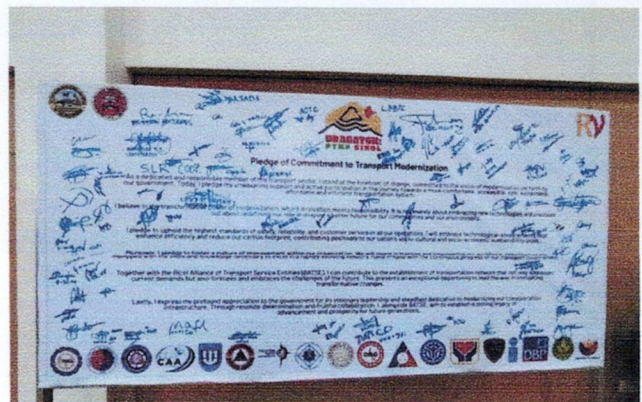
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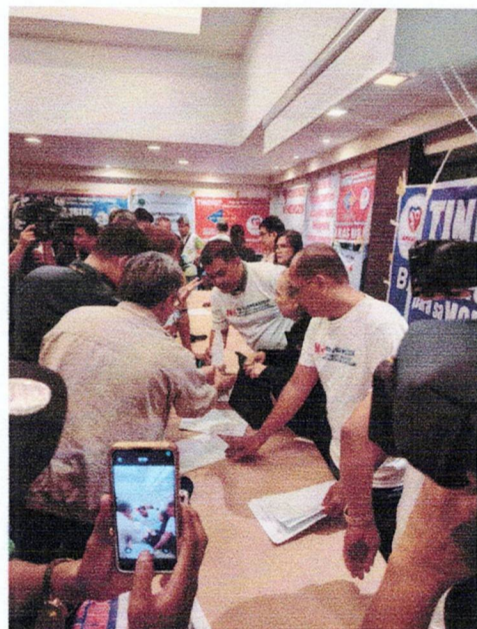
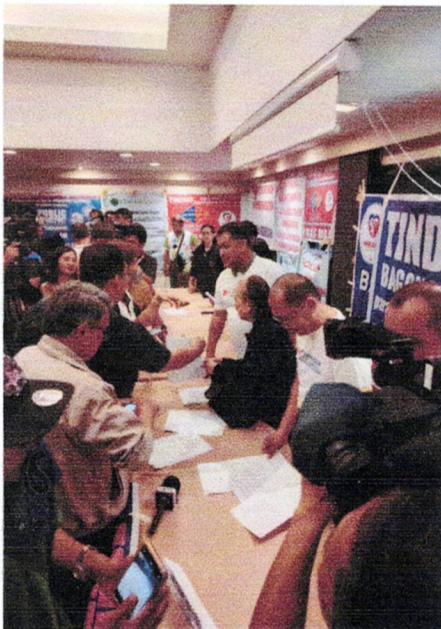
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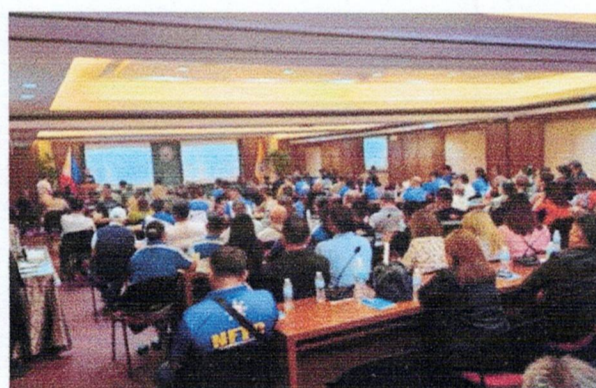


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